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Land Use Working Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 9:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning DupPage County Conference Room 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, Illinois 60606

Members Present: Ed Paesel (Chair), Robert Cole, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Lisa DiChiera,

Sheena Frève, Roger Dahlstrom, David Husemoller (for Eric Waggoner), Steve Lazzara (for Curt Paddock), Heather Smith, Jane

Turley (for Kimberly Flom), Todd Vanadilok, Mark VanKerkhoff, Nathaniel Werner, Norm West

Members Absent: Judy Beck, Dave Galowich (Vice-Chair), Arnold Randall, Dennis

Sandquist, Heather Tabbert, Nancy Williamson

Staff Present: Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Nora Beck, Steve Chau, Bob

Dean

Others Present: Jonathan Ahn (CNU), John Donovan (FHWA), Cassandra Francis

(Kariatid, LLC), John P. Jones (Sustainable Englewood Initiatives),

Chris McCahill (CNU), Mike Walczak (NWMC)

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – September 19, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2012, was made by Norm West and seconded by Rob Cole. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Selection of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Community Planning Program Projects

Bob Dean (CMAP) updated the committee on the selection of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Community Planning program projects. (http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/lta)

[Ed Paesel requested updates in the future on the progress of the Route 53/120 project, and was also interested in future updates and a presentation on congestion pricing.]

5.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program: Downtown Riverside Plan

Nora Beck (CMAP) provided an overview of the project, aimed at developing a Central Business District (CBD) plan for Riverside which identifies development strategies for improving the function and character of the Village's downtown, while building on the historic community's image and identity. Nora discussed the findings of the project's existing conditions report, followed by discussion of draft recommendations.

Roger Dahlstrom: Does downtown Riverside [include residential Nora: Zoning in downtown is flexible to allow this.

Rob Cole: There seems to be a real potential for organized events tied into the history and legacy of the Des Plaines River; but need to work on the image of the Des Plaines River [it used to have a bad reputation]. Also, the layout of roads encourages [a sense of disorientation and community insularity]. There is also a chance to create residential options that are attractive to younger [professionals], if it's affordable.

David Husemoller: In my experience, street striping in downtown Riverside is not consistent. It would also be good to have an "Olmstead Day" or something similar. Also, perhaps sidewalk cases right on the river....

Norm West: A walking tour [would be good] (for example, every Saturday), perhaps getting some top architects who would be sensitive to [the special character and history of] the architecture of downtown Riverside.

Lisa DiChiera: What is in place right now to market the tourism potential of downtown Riverside?

Nora: [Not a great deal]

Lisa: Then there is a need to partner with outside groups to do so. They might want to look to what has been done in Berwyn [to market their portion of the "bungalow belt"].

Mark VanKerkhoff: [idea of renovating the Township Offices located there in downtown Riverside]

Heather Smith: Are the multifamily buildings in downtown Riverside rentals or condos? Nora: Mostly rentals.

Ed Paesel: Are there any parking issues?

Nora: There have been some complaints over parking for the very popular library.

[Nora mentioned that a UIC survey revealed that residents apparently spend less money in Riverside's downtown than they thought they did.]

6.0 Congress for the New Urbanism: Upcoming Street Design Training

Committee Member Heather Smith (CNU) announced a new project to be funded by the Chicago Community Trust that will provide training on street design, in either the end of January or early February, which follows the ideas in *Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares; A Context Sensitive Approach*, a manual created by CNU and the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Heather mentioned that CNU will be working with CMAP to determine if there are specific corridors to focus on. She mentioned that this will be similar to the work CNU has done previously in Elgin. They have the capacity to train 80 people.

Norm West: [What types of roads are relevant to this?]

Heather: Good examples might be Randall Road, or major urban thoroughfares, such as North Avenue (not residential streets, and not expressways).

Sheen Frève: [Was there a problem with past Context Sensitive Solutions work/resources?] Heather: [There have been problems with some complete streets policies.] CNU has found that there is a need for training.

7.0 Other Business

Lisa DiChiera gave an update on Landmark Illinois' effort in support of the City of Chicago's legal defense of the Chicago Landmarks Ordinance. She asked committee members to consider whether their community or organization would like to join the effort, and contact Lisa or Bonnie McDonald as soon as possible. [Further information was forwarded to committee members later by email.]

Steve Lazzara asked whether Will County's work on Midewin could be scheduled for the committee's January meeting. [It is now the lead agenda item for that meeting.]

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CMAP Land Use Committee was rescheduled to Wednesday, November 28, 2012 (one week later than normal, due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Liaison

November 20, 2012